Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims:

1-14. (Canceled)

15.   (Currently amended) A method for distribution of application programs to a target on-demand server on a network comprising the [[steps]] following executed on a centralized network management server coupled to the network [[of]]:

providing an application program to be distributed to the network management server;

specifying a source directory and a target directory for distribution of the application program;

preparing a file packet associated with the application program and including a segment configured to initiate registration operations for the application program at the target on-demand server; and

distributing the file packet to the target on-demand server to make the application program available for use by a user at a client.

16.   (Original) A method according to Claim 15 wherein the network management server is a Tivoli™ server.

17.   (Currently amended) A method according to Claim [[16]] 15 wherein the segment configured to initiate registration operations includes an import data file and a call to an import program executing on the target on-demand server to install and register the file packet associated with the application program on the target on-demand server in a manner that makes it recognized and available to the user at the client.

18.   (Currently amended) A method according to Claim [[16]] 15 where the

application program is provided as a JAVA™ applet and wherein the application program is registered based on a Universal Resource Locator (URL) address accessible to a browser application and wherein the segment configured to initiate registration operations includes a variable field into which the target on-demand server inserts its identification during registration operations.

19.   (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 18 wherein the step of distributing comprises the step of distributing the file packet to a plurality of target on-demand servers each having an identification which may be inserted into the variable field at the target on-demand server.

20.   (Previously Presented) An application program distribution system for distributing application programs to a target on-demand server on a network executing on a centralized network management server coupled to the network, the system comprising:

means for providing to the network management server an application program to be distributed to remote servers;

means for specifying a source directory and a target directory for distribution of the application program;

means for preparing a file packet associated with the application program, the file packet including a segment configured to initiate registration operations for the application program at the target on-demand server; and

means for distributing the file packet to the target on-demand server to make the application program available for use by a user at a client.

21.   (Canceled)

22.   (Currently amended) A computer program product for distributing application programs to a target on-demand server on a network executing on a centralized network management server coupled to the network, the computer program product comprising:

a computer-readable storage medium having computer-readable program code [[means]] embodied in said medium, said computer-readable program code [[means]] comprising:

computer readable program code ~~means for providing~~ that provides to the network management server an application program to be distributed to remote servers;

computer readable program code ~~means for specifying~~ that specifies a source directory and a target directory for distribution of the application program;

computer readable program code means ~~for preparing~~ that prepares a file packet associated with the application program, the file packet including a segment configured to initiate registration operations for the application program at the target on-demand server; and

computer readable program code means ~~for distributing~~ that distributes the file packet to the target on-demand server to make the application program available for use by a user at a client.

23.   (Canceled).

24.   (Previously presented) A system according to Claim 20 wherein the network management server is a Tivoli™ server.

25.   (Currently amended) A system according to Claim [[24]] 20 wherein the segment configured to initiate registration operations includes an import data file and a call to an import program executing on the target on-demand server to install and register the file packet associated with the application program on the target on-demand server in a manner that makes it recognized and available to the user at the client.

26.   (Currently amended) A system according to Claim [[24]] 20 wherein the application program is provided as a JAVA™ applet and wherein the application program is registered based on a Universal Resource Locator (URL) address accessible to a browser application and wherein the segment configured to initiate registration operations includes a

variable field into which the target on-demand server inserts its identification during registration operations.

27.   (Previously Presented) A system according to Claim 26 wherein the means for distributing comprises means for distributing the file packet to a plurality of target on-demand servers each having an identification which may be inserted into the variable field at the target on-demand server.

28.   (Previously presented) A computer program product according to Claim 22 wherein the network management server is a Tivoli™ server.

29.   (Currently amended) A computer program product according to Claim [[28]] 22 wherein the segment configured to initiate registration operations includes an import data file and a call to an import program executing on the target on-demand server to install and register the file packet associated with the application program on the target on-demand server in a manner that makes it recognized and available to the user at the client.

30.   (Currently amended) A computer program product according to Claim [[28]] 22 wherein the application program is provided as a JAVA™ applet and wherein the application program is registered based on a Universal Resource Locator (URL) address accessible to a browser application and wherein the segment configured to initiate registration operations includes a variable field into which the target on-demand server inserts its identification during registration operations.

31.   (Currently Amended) A computer program product according to Claim 30 wherein the computer readable program code means for distributing that distributes comprises computer readable program code means for distributing that distributes the file packet to a plurality of target on-demand servers each having an identification which may be inserted into the variable field at the target on-demand server.

32. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 15 wherein distributing the file packet is preceded by executing a pre-distribution program at the network management server.

33. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 32 wherein executing a pre-distribution program includes determining an environment for the application program that exists on the target on-demand server.

34. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 33 wherein preparing a file packet includes including a selected version of an application launcher in the file packet, the selected version being selected based on the determined environment.

35. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 15 wherein distributing the file packet is followed by executing an after-distribution program at the target on-demand server.

36. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 17 wherein registration operations include maintaining at the target on-demand server a profile management list identifying application programs available for use by the user and wherein the method further comprises updating the profile management list at the target on-demand server to make the application program available for use by the user.

37. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 36 wherein the profile management list includes a designation of authorized users for application programs identified in the profile management list.